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SUBJ: THAI ARRESTS OF VIETNAMESE REFUGEES REPORTED

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1. A FRONT-PAGE STORY IN APR 27 BANGKOK WORLD DESCRIBES THE ARRESTS SAME DAY OF 59 VIETNAMESE REFUGEES IN NORTHEAST THAILAND'S UDORN THANI PROVINCE ON CHARGES OF CARRYING ON A POLITICAL MOVEMENT AND ENDANGERING THE NATIONAL SECURITY. QUOTING POLICE, STORY SAID THAT ADDITIONAL ARRESTS OF VIETNAMESE ARE EXPECTED TO FOLLOW. RTG POLICE CHIEF LT. GEN. MONCHAI PHANKHONGCHUEN SIGNED THE ORDER FOR THE ARRESTS THE PREVIOUS DAY.

2. ON THIRD PAGE OF SAME PAPER IS REPORT OF FOREIGN MINISTER UPPADIT PACHARIYANGKUN'S COMMENTS TO PRESS ON MORNING APR 27, REITERATING THAI DESIRE TO HOLD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE SRV AND WELCOMING THE VIETNAMESE STATEMENT OF WILLINGNESS TO MEET TOGETHER IN VIENTIANE (REFTEL). HE NOTED HE HAD ASKED MFA INTER-CONFIDENTIAL

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT DIRGEN PHIRAPHONG KASEMSI TO CONTACT VIETNAMESE DELEGATION TO ESCAP PLENARY FOR TALKS HERE BUT THAT LATTER HAD NOT REPLIED.

3. COMMENT: TASS CORRESPONDENT INDICATED TO EMBOFF APR 27 THAT IT IS NOT RPT NOT TRUE THAT VIETNAMESE ESCAP DELEGATION IS UNPREPARED TO TALK TO THE THAI. WHATEVER THE CASE, THESE NEW

ARRESTS OF WHAT ARE PRESUMABLY LONG-TIME REFUGEES FROM
NORTHERN VIET-NAM, FOR REASONS HOWEVER VALID, WHILE HANOI
DELEGATION IS IN TOWN, ARE BOUND TO SET BACK PROSPECTS FOR
DISCUSSIONS HERE OR, FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE, IN VIENTIANE.
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